

August 5, 2013 8:30 A.M.

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Frank Emory, Chairman
Mike Haddock, Vice-Chairman
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner
Joe Wiggins, Commissioner
Zack Koonce, III, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Jimmie B. Hicks, County Attorney
Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board
Melissa Moore-Freeman, Finance Officer

The Chairman called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. A **MOTION** was made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be approved with the following additions:

6. JONES COUNTY TAX DISCOVERY

7. ICE MACHINE

8. LEGAL INVOICE

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of July 15, 2013, and July 29, 2013, be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mr. Brinkley thanked the board for the repairs to the exercise room located behind Jones Senior High School.

1. PURPLE HEART PROCLAMATION

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Mike Haddock and unanimously carried **THAT** the Purple Heart Proclamation be approved, a copy of which is marked Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

2. SUPER BOOSTERS

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the Super Booster renewal be approved in the amount of \$300 .

3. VEHICLE PURCHASE – JONES COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff’s Office be approved, not to exceed \$30,000 using Animal Trust Funds.

4. CREDIT CARD AGREEMENT

Franky Howard, County Manager, and Melissa Moore-Freeman, Finance Officer, updated the board on the status of the credit card machines for the county.

5. EASTERN CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – AGING/RPO DUES

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** membership dues for the Down East RPO and Aging program be approved in the amount of \$3,246.

6. JONES COUNTY TAX DISCOVERY

Wayne Vanderford, Tax Collector, explained to the board that he has discovered a primitive type cabin located on some property around Catfish Lake. This cabin was relocated from Craven County in 2009 to property owned by the Perry Griffin Foundation for the Boy Scouts of America (who own the building). The structure should have been listed in 2010. There was some discussion about the boards legal authority in regards to grant an exemption as requested by the Boy Scouts of America.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** this item be **TABLED** until the County Attorney can research the boards legal authority as it pertains to this matter.

7. CAPITAL REQUEST – ICE MACHINE - WATER DEPARTMENT

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the purchase of a used ice machine from Tropical Smoothies be approved in the amount of \$1,500 using Water Capital Funds.

8. INVOICE – SUMRELL, SUGG, CARMICHAEL, HICKS & HART, P.A.

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** an invoice for services rendered by Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks & Hart, P.A. be approved for payment as follows:

General Legal	\$1,468.35
School Board Matters	\$3,863.41
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$5,331.76

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

William R. Dillahunt informed the board that he has relocated back to Jones County and is excited about the future for himself and the senior citizens.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was some discussion pertaining to the NCACC Annual Conference to be held in Greensboro later in the month. Sondra Ipock-Riggs stated that those attending the meeting need to carpool to the event to save money and anyone wishing to drive separate should pay their own way.

Mr. Howard informed the board that Walter Jones will be meeting at Maysville Town Hall for anyone interested in attending.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Sondra Ipock-Riggs

Mrs. Ipock Riggs read a letter to the board in regard to a water treatment plant. A copy of the letter is marked Exhibit B and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Zack Koonce

Mr. Koonce requested an update on Economic Development in the county.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Frank Emory
Chairman

Jennifer King
Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT A

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Jones County has always supported its military veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly - make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, Jones County is located in North Carolina, a state with a proud history of supporting our military and North Carolina has a large, highly-decorated veteran population including more than 2,000 identified Purple Heart recipients; and

WHEREAS, Jones County appreciates the sacrifices of our Purple Heart recipients and believes it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jones County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim Jones County as

A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

and encourages the citizens of Jones County to show their appreciation for the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made.

This the 5th day of August, 2013.

Frank Emory, Chairman

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT B

JONES COUNTY FUTURE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The public in Jones County must be made aware of Jones County Commissioners applied for \$7.3 million dollar grant for the future plans of building a Jones County Water Treatment Plant. This is a permit branching our future water supply drawdown from the Castle Hayne Aquifer and must be treated.

The State of North Carolina wants to replace Jones County to a Water Treatment Plant a step closer to new sources of water are needed in the area to replace the restricted amount being currently withdrawn from the Black Creek Aquifer, according to ONWASA. The state of North Carolina in our region to cut back on our use of the Black Creek Aquifer and Peeedee Aquifer by up to 75 percent before 2018.

Jones County has the best water in the State of North Carolina and we only have 4,000 users on Jones County Water System and mandating this when the Cape Fear Aquifer and the Black Creek Aquifer are showing signs of recovery and this is what the Director of N.C. Division of Aging and Adult Services

And is not true Fracking's uncertain future in the State of North Carolina has banned using injection wells for hazardous waste since 1972 after contamination of the Black Creek Aquifer near Wilmington, N.C? Who is behind injection wells for gas again in our Aquifer's and is this what this is all about for big Gas and Oil Companies? I did not vote for this and until they prove to me this is not the reason, my vote will still remain NO.

Sondra Ipock Riggs